

REMARKS

1. Claims 2, 3, 6-8, 10, 11, 14-18, and 22-83 are pending and stand rejected in the application. This communication amends claims 22, 38, 53 and 69.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

2. The second claim numbered "48" has been amended to -- 49 -- . Therefore, withdrawal of the objection to claim 49 is respectfully urged.

3. Claims 2, 3, 6-8, 10, 11, 14-18, and 22-83 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,075,531 to DeStefano in view of U.S. Patent 5,835,088 to Jaaskelainen, Jr. (Jaaskelainen).

Independent claims 22, 38, 53 and 69 have been amended to recite "a plurality of discrete screens spaced physically apart from one another... at least one of the screens being viewable through at least one of the other screens".

DeStefano in view of Jaaskelainen fail to arrive at the currently claimed invention. DeStefano merely describes a computer system and method for manipulating multiple windows within a single screen with a proximity pointer. None of windows or "screens" disclosed in DeStefano is viewable through at least one of the other windows or screens, as currently claimed.

Jaaskelainen fails to cure the deficiencies of DeStefano as Jaaskelainen merely describes a method and apparatus that allows rapid positioning of a cursor within a data processing system graphical user interface. Like DeStefano, Jaaskelainen fails to disclose, teach or suggest "a plurality of discrete screens spaced physically apart from one another... at least one of the screens being viewable through at least one of the other screens". Accordingly, independent claims 22, 38, 53 and 69 are allowable over DeStefano in view of Jaaskelainen.

Dependent claims 2, 3, 6-8, 10, 11, 14-18, 23-37, 39-52, 54-68 and 70-83, which recite additional features of the invention, are allowable over DeStefano in view of Jaaskelainen for at least the same reasons as stated for the independent claims.

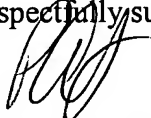
In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully urged.

4. Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested as it is believed

that all outstanding issues have been addressed herein and, further, that claims 2, 3, 6-8, 10, 11, 14-18, and 22-83 are in condition for allowance. Should there be any questions or matters whose resolution may be advanced by a telephone call, the examiner is cordially invited to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17, which are associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2061.

Respectfully submitted,



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